Government; but those published by the Curator for the publication of Malayalam Manuscripts are selected by the Curator alone.

Loan of unpublished manuscripts to private persons.

214. **MR. K. N. KESAVAN NAMPUTIRIPAD** (*Jenmies*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they generally lend unpublished manuscripts collected by the Curators for the publication of Sanskrit and Malayalam Manuscripts to private persons for publication; and

(*b*) whether they have any objection to do so?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Generally, rare and unpublished manuscripts are not lent to private individuals for publication.

(*b*) The matter will be considered.

Prescription of books published by the Curators for the publication of Sanskrit and Malayalam Manuscripts as Text-books.

215. **MR. K. N. KESAVAN NAMPUTIRIPAD** (*Jenmies*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many of the books published by the Curators for the publication of Sanskrit and Malayalam Manuscripts have been prescribed as text-books in the schools of the State; and

(*b*) whether they are aware that many of the books published by the Curator of Travancore are prescribed as text-books by the Madras and the Cochin Governments?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Six books were prescribed as text-books in schools during the last six school years.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

Catalogue of Manuscripts collected by the Curators.

216. **MR. K. N. KESAVAN NAMPUTIRIPAD** (*Jenmies*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have published a descriptive catalogue of the manuscripts collected by the Curators for the publication of Sanskrit and Malayalam Manuscripts till now (19-11-1104)?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): A catalogue of the Sanskrit manuscripts collected by the Curator till the end of 1097 has been published. Manuscripts collected after that date will be included in the catalogue when it is reprinted.

In regard to the Malayalam manuscripts, no catalogue has been published as yet. The Curator reports that he intends to publish soon a catalogue of the manuscripts collected till now.

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